REMARKS

The Office rejected claims 12-14 as being based upon a defective reissue oath under 35 U.S.C. 251. More specifically, the Office submitted that the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because the error which was relied upon to support the reissue application was not an error upon which a reissue can be based.

In view of the above, Applicants include herewith a supplemental declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1).

In view of the supplemental declaration included herewith, Applicants submit that claims 12-14 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested and allowance of claims 12-14 is kindly solicited.

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